



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 1987

TO: LPC - Division File ✓

FROM: Ken Mensing - LPC - Collinsville

SUBJECT: 1630450034 - St. Clair County - East St. Louis/Pfizer - FOS

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During the morning of January 29, 1987, I received a phone call from Mr. Jeffrey Carlton, Safety/Environmental Engineer, Pfizer Pigments, Inc., 2C01 Lynch Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois 62205. Mr. Carlton stated that during the second shift on January 26, 1987 they experienced a release of approximately 4000 gallons of 47% sulfuric acid. He informed me that the acid leaked onto an asphalt area which led directly to the sewer. He said that the shift foreman failed to report the spill to him or the plant manager as spelled out in their contingency plan and thus no notifications were made to environmental authorities or local disaster agencies. He asked me what he should do regarding notifications at this time. I told him I would check with our Emergency Response Unit on the exact requirements and get back in touch with him as soon as possible. I then spoke with Ralph Foster with ERU in Springfield and informed him of the details. He said that they should notify the National Response Center and State ESDA, just as they should have done at the time of the incident. I then called Mr. Carlton back and relayed this information to him. He said that he would make the required, but late, notifications.

During our initial conversation, Mr. Carlton referred to problems and concerns that the American Bottoms Treatment Plant had with this acid spill. He did not go into detail, except to say that they were upset, since they were also not notified regarding the release.

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cc: LPC - Collinsville
cc: Tom Powell - ERU

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